

Ad Hoc Committee on Best Practices in Northampton Decision-Making

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY

Good governance depends on public participation. The Committee urges interested citizens to attend and participate in all its meetings. A good faith effort will be made to post the agendas on the city's website (www.northamptonma.gov/bestpractices) and as widely as possible at least one week in advance of all meetings and on-site on the day of the meeting. The Committee's written rules of procedure will also be available online and at its meetings.

Each meeting will begin with time allotted for public comment. Agenda item-specific comment is encouraged and citizens are invited, to the extent possible, to join the Committee in discussion of any or all agenda items. All participants in these discussions are bound by the Committee's rules of procedure.

The Committee will also consider adding agenda items made in writing prior to the meeting or requested during the public comment period.

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